

REMARKS

In the "Allowable Subject Matter" of the parent application (attached herewith as Exhibit A) it states:

"None of the cited references alone or in combination teach the claim 'a plurality of paths on the game surface arranged for player selection of one path' and 'a random frequency of a bonus game to the probability of landing on each position and to a value of each position so that an expected value of each of the paths is approximately identical for a house advantage is in a predetermined range.'"

The newly submitted independent claims 1, 23 and 24 contain the allowable subject matter, set forth above, except for providing a house advantage in a predetermined range. However, each newly submitted independent claim recites a method step of providing a fixed player expected value for each of the plurality of paths.

New claims 1-22 are directed to a bonus game wherein a player selects one of a plurality path until the bonus game ends:

New claim 23 is directed towards a casino game also directed towards a player selecting one of the plurality of displayed paths. Independent claim 23 does not claim a bonus game, only a casino game.

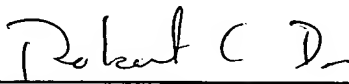
New claim 24 is directed to play of a bonus game in which the player encounters a decision node as fully discussed at page 10, lines 13, et. seq. of the application of the issued patent.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to give the below-listed attorney a call. If additional fees are required, please debit our Deposit Account No. 04-1414.

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